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Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair, Finance Committee

5th July 2024

Dear Peredur Owen Griffiths MS

As requested by the Finance Committee, I am writing to outline Transport for Wales's (TfW's) experience to date when applying for Financial Transactions Capital (FTC) funding.

TfW successfully applied for FTC funding to enable commercialisation of surplus telecommunications fibre capacity on the Core Valley Lines.

The Welsh Government provided TfW with the FTC Bid Template, alongside the FTC Bid Template Companion Guide 2024/25. We completed and returned the template to Welsh Government in September 2023 and in turn, the Welsh Government submitted the bid to His Majesty's Treasury (HMT). Less than a month later, HMT approved the bid and awarded TfW £7.7m for the mobilisation of TfW Fibre (a new subsidiary of TfW to commercialise our CVL fibre network capacity).

Following Management Agreement (MA) approval in order to set up the company, all requirements have been met by TfW for close of 2023/24 financial year, and we await the loan agreement to be released by the Welsh Government in order to draw down the funds. We believe this is imminent.

I hope the Committee finds this information of use and if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards

Heather Clash
Chief of Finance, Governance and Corporate Services

